

VINITA STARTS FOR 6,000 MARK

Will Double Its Population
Within a Year.

There never was a time in the history of Vinita that gave greater promise of growth and development for the city than the present year. There was never a time when the city was better prepared for a business boom than it now is. True, there have been better times among the farming communities, and better crops, possibly, in this section of the country than there was last year, but as a city, we were never better organized in a financial way to take care of a business boom, or to assist and encourage business enterprises to come here than we are at present. Vinita has never been a boom town. Its growth has heretofore been steady and substantial. But the foundation for a city has been laid broad and deep and there is nothing to prevent the building of a city that will grow and flourish with each coming year. We have a live and wide-awake commercial club that is reaching out after new industries and encouraging the right kind of men to come here and invest in enterprises that are suitable to the locality and that will be a success to those who invest in them.

We are just now opening up the gateway to the best coal mines in the Southwest, which have always laid within a few miles of us, but were almost inaccessible. We have the finest system of waterworks of any city in this latitude and over-living fountains gushing forth artesian water, which is as clear as a crystal, pure as a dew drop and as refreshing as the drippings of an iceberg.

Our educational institutions are of a high order and churches of nearly every denomination, fine structures with organizations that wield a power for good in the community.

We have all these great cornerstones laid, and as said before, they form the foundation for a great city.

We are now working on the third railroad, which, with the two trunk lines already here, will give us an outlet in every direction. Heretofore our hands have been tied, our opportunities smothered and our light shut in. Now, we can talk, buy or sell, and see beyond the limit of our own smoke fall.

Statehood is, at least, in sight, and we are no longer on questionable ground.

The tide of emigration is tending hither and money-seeking investment is coming this way. We are located in the very gateway of this new country and we are bound to be seen and investigated by everyone coming in. The erection of business blocks, fine homes and the whir of machinery and blowing of factory whistles are bound to attract their attention.

Let us set our stake for the 6,000 mark this year, and with over half that many to start with, we predict that the middle of the summer will find us past the three-quarter mark and well on our way.

Cured Lumbago

A. H. Cannon, Chicago, writes March 4, 1903: "Having been troubled with Lumbago at different times and tried one physician after another, then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of former sufferers." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by People's Drug Store.

More Trouble for Taglievich

Deputy Marshal Gray had a "tip" that there would be a large shipment of booze arrive in town the last of last week, so he had an eye on the incoming trains each day, Friday, while the baggage master was unloading trunks from the Fayetteville passenger, a trunk was unloaded that gave forth a peculiar aroma, the kind that made Deputy Gray smile, and he immediately laid claim to that particular piece of baggage, although it was labeled "Kate Goodwin." On opening the trunk twenty-four quart bottles of booze was brought to light. Gray also gathered in a dressing case in which was marked in lead pencil "Frank Hendricks," in which was found more booze.

At the preliminary examination evidence was introduced to show that Miss Goodwin had loaned her trunk to Frank Hendricks, and with other evidence he was bound over to the grand jury under a \$1,000 bond, which he failed to furnish, and was escorted to the federal jail. Miss Goodwin was pinned under a \$150 bond to appear as a witness, which she readily furnished.

—Tahquah Herald.

The postmaster general has signed an order forbidding the Hartford Insurance company of the Indian Territory the use of the mails, because it is alleged to be a fraud.

FOR SEPARATE STATEHOOD.

Robert Owen Believes Territories
Will Come in on Merits.

Robert Owen is in Washington looking after the interests of constituents in Indian Territory. He will appear before the court of claims and argue the Eastern Cherokee case in which he is interested as an attorney. The case was for January 10, but he now finds upon his arrival that the hearing has been postponed and will probably not be held until January 24. This is the case in which Charles Nagel, of St. Louis, has been retained to represent the Cherokee nation.

Mr. Owen opposes the creation of two states out of the four territories of the Southwest. He believes that if let alone New Mexico and Arizona and each of the other territories will gain admission in time on their individual merits. He is confident that this is the case with Indian Territory.

Coughs and Colds

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In the Gas Belt.

The finding of immense bodies of gas 20 miles west of Vinita, on the west bank of Spring river, is another confirmation of Vinita being in the gas belt. As soon as the artesian water is passed through and cased off it is prophesied that an immense flow of gas will be encountered. The immense sheet of water underlying Vinita would prevent gas in any great quantity ever reaching the surface unless cased off.

Stop It.

A neglected cough or cold may lead to serious bronchial or lung troubles. Don't take chances when Foley's Tar and Honey affords perfect security from serious effects of a cold. Sold by People's drug store.

Gas at Hayden.

W. S. Madden, of Hayden, was in the city Wednesday and reported the striking of gas on John Hayden's farm. While boring a well the first of the week they struck the gas at a shallow depth. The gas caught fire and it was with much difficulty that the flames were extinguished.

Is Bed Four Weeks With La Grippe.

We have received the following letter from Mr. Roy Kemp, of Anglo, Ind.: "I was in bed four weeks with la grippe and I tried many remedies and spent considerable for treatment with physicians, but I received no relief until I tried Foley's Honey and Tar. Two small bottles of this medicine cured me and I now use exclusively in my family." Refuse substitutes. People's drug store.

Sunday School Worker Coming.

W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, secretary of the teacher training department of the International Sunday School association, will give the Indian Territory Sunday School association two dates during the present month. He will be in Vinita and speak at one of the churches on the evening of January 13, and at Muskogee on the following day, the 14th. As a practical Sunday school man Mr. Pearce is a leader, and he is employed by the International body as a field worker. His work is among the teachers. It will be a great privilege for Vinita's Sunday schools to have a man like Pearce, even for a single evening.

Disturbing the Peace.

Willie View was tried in the commissioner's court Thursday for disturbing the peace of the Rev. Ironside family. He was acquitted by the jury and afterwards plead guilty of assault and battery. The fine was fixed at \$1.00 and costs, and he was allowed to pay \$17 of it. The case is continuing.

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HANDLING MILLIONS.

WORK OF MAN IN "CURRENCY BIN" OF A GREAT BANK.

Astonishing Facts Concerning the Counting of Money Brought Out by a Speed Contest for Prizes.

The handling of some of money approximating \$100,000,000 each year is a feat with which but few people have to trouble themselves. Lemoyne S. Hatch is one of these few, writes James L. Sikins, in the Chicago Tribune. Mr. Hatch is in charge of the "currency bin" of the First National bank and annually bank notes, silver certificates and gold pass through his hands to a total of the amount above named. He has been handling money for the last six years, so he has counted in his life something like over \$500,000,000. One night recently, at a contest held by bank clerks, he conclusively proved the old adage to the effect that practice makes perfect, by counting a total of \$6,000 in notes of various denominations in the record-breaking time of 21 minutes 44.5 seconds.

This money, in the form of notes of different denominations, fives, tens and twenties, was wrapped in one large package divided by strips into small parcels. In counting the money Mr. Hatch sorted the denominations together, counted them, wrapped them up in packages, and made out a complete statement of the currency handled. Each package of each denomination was "proved" after being sorted and after being tied up, so in all the \$45 bills of which the amount consisted were handled three times, equaling the counting of 2,250 bills one time. This is considerably over 100 bills per minute.

"This is a little faster than we generally work during the day's work," said Mr. Hatch, "but still we count a good many notes each minute during the day. We work about seven hours each day and count money all the time. The counting of money in the currency bin of a bank like this is not the simple process that many people might think. There is one thing that must be attained in a department where there is each year handled \$100,000,000 in cash, and that is accuracy. The pains to which we go to obtain this will prove a surprise to many who imagine that money is counted by one man, then wrapped up, and possibly proved by another."

"In handling the money in the currency bin it is not only necessary to properly count the amount handled, money must be sorted into the different denominations and issues. When notes are to be returned to the government—and this is done here with all old money—it is required that the various issues be returned in separate packages. Thus the man counting a stack of bills containing several thousand dollars in different denominations and issues must not only keep track of his count, and sort out the denominations, but he must also watch the issues and do the same with them."

"It will be realized that to make a mistake under these conditions does not require much effort on the part of the clerk. So the money is proved three times, and when we are through with it you could look a long time without finding an error in it. This is not so much because of the effectiveness of the system as of the accuracy which the counter with years of practice acquires. In the contest held here last week the only error made in counting among all contestants was one of two cents, and that was made by a man adding checks on the adding machine."

"A man gets to be almost mechanical in accuracy if he is adapted to this work and stays at it long enough. It requires little mental effort on his part to count, and as for the physical and of it, while it is hard on the wrists and fingers at first, one gets used to it. I can thumb bills all day and not feel the least bit tired at night. But my hands and fingers are calloused, as you can see. No, most people don't get callouses on their hands from handling banknotes."

"The money that gives the most trouble in counting is the old bill and the one that is mutilated. This money is only counted so that it may be returned to the government, as the bank here only issues 'fresh' money. We get notes worn so thin that they seem ready to fall apart. These are hard to handle, of course. They stick together and otherwise give trouble. The bill with the corners torn off is nearly as troublesome."

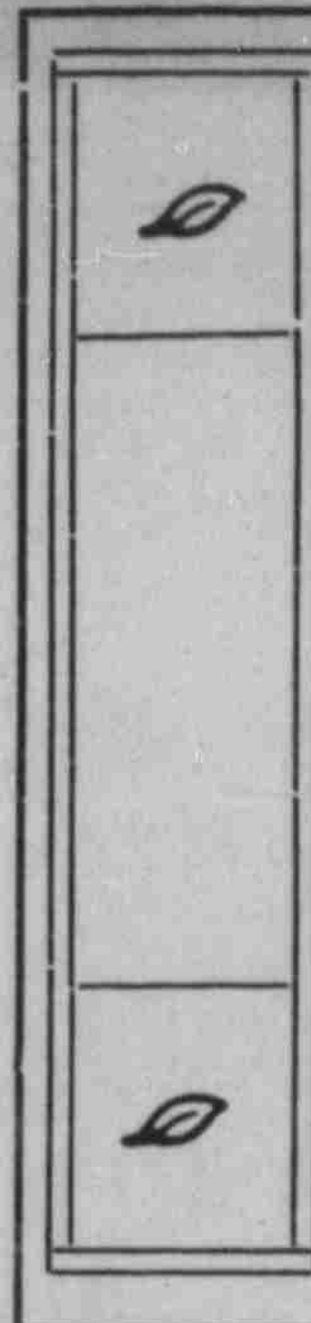
"The theory of microbes abounding in old bills does not seem altogether to be able to stand alone when put to the practical test. If it did, I ought to have contracted every disease in existence. But the old money never troubled me, and my five assistants actually seem to thrive and grow fat handling it."

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